

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2011

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. **1001**

Introduced by: Representatives Conzet, Bolin, Boomgarden, Brunner, Carson, Cronin, Deelstra, Dennert, Elliott, Hunt, Jensen, Juhnke, Munsterman, Novstrup (David), Solum, Stricherz, Verchio, and Willadsen and Senators Lederman, Brown, Buhl, Frerichs, Holien, Hundstad, Johnston, Maher, Novstrup (Al), Peters, Rampelberg, Rave, Sutton, Tidemann, and Vehle

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Honoring the historical, political, cultural, social, and
2 economic relationships among Canada, the United States, and the State of South Dakota,
3 and recognizing January 24, 2011, as Canada Day at the Capitol.

4 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States share a rich and vibrant history of democratic
5 governments, North American borders, military and security partnerships and alliances,
6 significant cultural, academic, and tourism ties, and deeply integrated and empowered trade and
7 financial relationships; and

8 WHEREAS, Canada and the State of South Dakota have a strong and durable relationship
9 based upon history, language, trade, energy development, and diverse cultural and economic
10 ties; and

11 WHEREAS, Canada is the United States' largest trading partner, with \$392 billion in goods
12 traded between our two nations in 2009, and more than eight million United States jobs
13 supported by that trade; and



1 WHEREAS, Canada is the leading trading partner for the State of South Dakota, with a
2 combined \$687 million in goods trade with our nation's northern neighbor in 2009, and nearly
3 24,600 South Dakota jobs supported by that trade; and

4 WHEREAS, the people of South Dakota and Canada continue to enjoy our mutual
5 hospitality, with a combined 158,200 tourist visits between the two, and \$58 million spent
6 during those visits; and

7 WHEREAS, the Honorable Martin Loken, Consul General for Canada in Minneapolis,
8 Minnesota, whose regional jurisdiction includes the State of South Dakota, is visiting the State
9 Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota, as an honored guest on January 24, 2011, bringing greetings
10 from his nation; and

11 WHEREAS, the Honorable Consul General Martin Loken is hosting a reception on the
12 evening of January 24, 2011, to celebrate the relationship between the State of South Dakota
13 and the nation of Canada:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
15 sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
16 Legislature wishes to acknowledge the long and rich history of friendship and trade between the
17 State of South Dakota and the neighboring nation of Canada, and to recognize the visit of
18 Consul General Loken, with deep appreciation for his keen interest in fostering close ties
19 between Canada and the State of South Dakota, by proclaiming the 24th day of January, 2011,
20 CANADA DAY AT THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CAPITOL.